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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.
Claims 1-16 have been cancelled without prejudice as shown:

Listing of Claims:

1-16.   (Cancelled)

17.   (Currently Amended) A source transmitter comprising:

an interface to a communications link;

a memory; and

a logic circuit to transmit an announcement stored in said memory, said announcement is compliant with an Advanced Television Enhancement Forum (ATVEF) standard and comprises an attribute to announce metadata that provides information about at least one available video program or enhancement to be received at a client receiver.

18.   (Original) The source transmitter of claim 17, wherein said announcement conforms to a Session Description Protocol (SDP).

19.   (Previously Presented) The source transmitter of clam 17, wherein said announcement comprises an identifier for said metadata.

20.   (Currently Amended) The source transmitter of claim 19, wherein said identifier comprises a Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) to uniquely identify said metadata to be transmitted.

21.   (Currently Amended) The source transmitter of claim 17, wherein said announcement comprises a network address and a port for a database having stored therein said metadata.

22.   (Original) The source transmitter of claim 21, wherein said network address comprises an Internet Protocol (IP) address.

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23.   (Previously Presented) The source transmitter of claim 17, wherein said logic circuit transmits said metadata after said announcement has been transmitted.

24.   (Cancelled).

25.   (Currently Amended) A machine readable medium comprising:

a software routine to cause a logic circuit to transmit an announcement including (i) an first attribute to announce metadata that provides information about at least one available video program or enhancement for receiving at a client receiver and (ii) a second attribute to identify a network address and a port of a location containing said metadata, said announcement is compliant with an Advanced Television Enhancement Forum (ATVEF) standard.

26.   (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 25, wherein said announcement conforms to a Session Description Protocol (SDP).

27.   (Previously Presented) The machine readable medium of clam 25, wherein said announcement comprises an identifier for said metadata.

28.   (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 27, wherein said identifier comprises a Universally Unique Identifier (UUID).

29.   (Currently Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 25, wherein said announcement comprises a network address of said announcement identifies for a database having stored therein said metadata.

30.   (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 29, wherein said network address comprises an Internet Protocol (IP) address.

31.   (Currently Amended) A source transmitter adapted a client receiver over a communication link during a communication session, comprising:

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means for storing an announcement; and

means for transmitting said announcement ~~compliant with an Advanced Television Enhancement Forum (ATVEF) standard~~ over the communication link prior to separate transmission of at least one available video program or enhancement ~~to be separately transmitted~~ at a specified future time, said announcement comprises an attribute to announce metadata that provides information about said at least one available video program or enhancement to be received at the client receiver and a Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) to uniquely identify said metadata to be transmitted.

32. (Currently Amended) The source transmitter of clam 31, wherein said announcement conforms to a Session Description Protocol (SDP) ~~comprises an identifier for said metadata~~ by including a first parameter to identify an owner/creator, a second parameter to identify a name of the communication session, a third parameter providing bandwidth information of the communication link, a fourth parameter to provide a media name and transport address and a fifth parameter including said UUID.

33. (Cancelled).

34. (Cancelled).

35. (Previously Presented) The source transmitter of claim 31, wherein said means for transmitting said announcement transmits said metadata after said announcement has been transmitted.

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